

Air Force Prime Time, a weekly news magazine for and about airmen stationed overseas, airs Thursday evenings at 8:25 p.m. Central European Time on AFN television. In this week's edition, Rhein Main's days are numbered, Air Force reservists carry their share of the load at Incirlik Air Base, Turkey, and more.



News briefs

'Spread the Word' briefing

Lt. Gen. Donald Peterson, Air Force Deputy Chief of Staff, Personnel, speaks on promotion and assignment issues at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. Wednesday in the Spangdahlem Air Base theater. All wing members are encouraged to attend during following times:

- Support and medical groups at 10 a.m.
- Operations and logistics groups at 3 p.m.

Medical corps board promotions

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas – Five 52nd Fighter Wing officers were selected amongst 599 medical and dental corps officers Air Force-wide for promotion the next higher grade.

Selected were Capts. Jaye Adams, 52nd Medical Operations Squadron; Lorraine Gallagher, 52nd Dental Squadron; John Kennedy, 52nd MDOS; Neil Seethaler, 52nd MDOS and Richard Vanderweele, 52nd DS.

The officers were chosen by the colonel, lieutenant colonel and major medical and dental corps' selection board, which convened Nov. 6-17.

The complete list of promoted officers is available on the Air Force Personnel Center home page at www.afpc.randolph.af.mil. (Air Force Print News)

Weapons loading competition

The 52nd Fighter Wing load crew and jammer driver of the year competition takes place at 8:30 a.m. Thursday in Hangar 1, building 35. Call Tech. Sgt. Michael Brooks at 452-6273 for details.

Prevent contracting violations

Unauthorized contracting actions are a violation of federal law and could lead to disciplinary action. Follow the guidelines below to prevent unauthorized commitments:

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Staff Sgt. Cindy Maier

Looking for cover

Staff Sgt. Michelo Glover, 363rd Expeditionary Supply Squadron base service store retail sales, gets a desert hat for a customer. Glover is deployed to Prince Sultan Air Base, Saudi Arabia, for Air Expeditionary Force-deployment four and is scheduled to return to Spangdahlem Air Base in early March. Find out more about the Air Force's role in helping maintain Operation Southern Watch by reading "Southwest Asia after 10 Years of U.S. Presence" on Page 10.

Wing generates aircraft, people for LSN simulated deployments

By Capt. Glen Roberts
52nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs

Squadrons across the wing were abuzz with activity early this week as wing members sharpened their generation and mobilization skills during the first major exercise of the year.

More than 440 people and 25 aircraft were mobilized for the first Local Salty Nation exercise of 2001, also known as a Phase I LSN. The exercise, which kicked off Monday with a 4:30 a.m. recall, simulated the air defense of a fictitious country known as Upper Landia. Both the 22nd and 81st fighter squadrons simulated deployment of their F-16CJs and A/OA-10s to a

foreign location, while the 23rd Fighter Squadron performed a "fight-in-place" mission at Spangdahlem Air Base.

"This exercise allowed us to practice getting our forces packed up and out of town in short order to meet a wartime tasking," said Maj. Tony Stutts, exercise evaluator for the inspector general's office. "It's really a short-notice, no-warning exercise, conducted with less notice than we get for most real-world contingencies."

Brigadier Gen. Don Hoffman, 52nd Fighter Wing commander, agreed the exercise was important.

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New BAH program raises rates to all-time high

WASHINGTON – The Department of Defense announced recently the 2001 Basic Allowance for Housing rates, giving service members one of the largest increases ever.

The new rates are part of the DOD initiative to eliminate service members' out-of-pocket expenses by 2005 and incorporate a number of major changes to the BAH program. In total, the planned increase in housing allowance funds for fiscal 2001 above the fiscal 2000 amount is more than \$700 million.

"These changes in the BAH process, resulting in one of the largest increases ever, represent our commitment to the preservation of a compensation and benefit structure. They

will provide members with a suitable and secure standard of living, one that will sustain a trained, experienced and ready force in the future," said Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness Bernard Rostker.

Two components of the improved program are geographic rate protection and a change in the survey process. Geographic rate protection maintains BAH rates at last year's level while the planned buydown in out-of-pocket expense is phased in. Newly arrived members to an area will see BAH rates equal to those of current members' rates.

An important part of this year's BAH process was an improvement in the measurement of local housing costs. DOD

asked the services and local military housing offices to actively participate in the data collection process to ensure people can live in quality neighborhoods. Additionally, improvements were made in how utility costs are estimated.

An integral part of the BAH program is the provision of individual rate protection to all members. No matter what happens to measured housing costs, service members will never see their BAH rate decrease as long as they stay in the geographic area. This policy assures members who have made long-term commitments in the form of a lease or contract will not be penalized if the area's housing costs decrease.

Average increases in the BAH range from 12 to 17 percent by grade with the typical increase in the range of 14.5 percent. For example, a typical married E-5's BAH will increase \$100 per month.

The 2001 rates represent the first in a series of steps to bring the average member's out-of-pocket expense to zero by 2005 as Secretary of Defense William S. Cohen said last January.

Fiscal 2001 BAH rates can be found at www.dtic.mil/perdiem/bahform.html. Master Sgt. Jeffery VanScoy, 52nd Comptroller Squadron, stresses people use the Web site to get rates from the states for the new BAH amounts. (DOD News Service)



Courtesy photo

Last goodbyes

Secretary of the Air Force F. Whitten Peters performs a final review of airmen during a farewell ceremony Jan. 19 at Andrews Air Force Base, Md. "Thank you for your service. Thank you for making America stronger and our world better. Thank you, from the bottom of my heart, for your help, your loyalty, your friendship and all which you have given me during these three remarkable years. I will carry the memory of that time and friendship in my head and my heart forever," Peters said in his farewell address to the nation.

Accidents

By Senior Airman Kassandra Watts
52nd Security Forces Squadron
Reports and Analysis

Two major accidents took place on B-50 during the past week.

A government semi-truck was traveling east on B-50 near the Dudeldorf exit when an American driver failed to negotiate a left-hand curve and lost control on black ice. The vehicle slid 450 feet into a ditch before it came to rest. There were no injuries.

Another American driver was heading west on B-50 near the American Legion

when he failed to negotiate a left curve and lost control due to speeds too fast for road conditions. The vehicle slid into the right ditch, turned over and came to rest on its roof. The vehicle had visual damage, but was still functional. The driver escaped without injury.

There were a total of 24 minor accidents totaling \$15,450 in damage in the Eifel area. In one day alone, there were 13 accidents all a result of black ice. This is the time of year people need to pay special attention to the wet roads, snow and black ice.

It's true . . .

Brig. Gen. Don Hoffman, 52nd Fighter Wing commander, is implementing a base-wide "no-passing" rule for all Spangdahlem Air Base drivers traveling on B-50.

Read more about it in the Feb. 2 issue of the Eifel Times.

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■Ensure there's a contractual document in place before ordering or receiving supplies and services from a contractor.

■Coordinate with contracting before requesting a contractor to demonstrate a product.

■Don't make commitments regarding proposals that might be construed as a commitment of the government.

■Don't tell a contractor to stop work on an existing contract, unless it's a matter of safety.

Call the 52nd Contracting Squadron Business Programs Office at 453-7046 or 453-7794 for more information.

Gate courtesy

People entering Spangdahlem Air Base and Bitburg Annex can help reduce traffic back ups by having ID cards ready to show to security forces members before reaching the gate. Drivers and passengers should place their ID in a convenient location for presentation before leaving a location so they don't have to remove their seatbelt while the car is operating to get it.

Post office

It's unauthorized to receive or mail items intended for resale. This resale prohibition applies whether the sale is to authorized users or not and regardless if the sale is for charitable reasons or not. Authorized users who violate this rule may have their mailbox privileges suspended or limited. Call the Spangdahlem Air Base post office at 452-7182 or Bitburg Annex at 453-9506 for more information.

Laundry reimbursement

Beginning Jan. 1, uniformed members are authorized reimbursement of dry-cleaning, pressing of clothing and cost of laundry for TDYs within or to the United States. Eligible members must be TDY and require at least seven consecutive nights of lodging. Reimbursement won't exceed an average of \$2 per day.

Laundry expenses must be incurred during TDY travel, not after returning to the permanent duty station. Such expenses incurred for overseas TDY travel are not reimbursable as a separate expense — these expenses are

already incorporated into the incidental expense portion of the daily per diem allowance for the overseas location.

Tip of the Hat

■The hood of the battle dress jacket must be placed back into its compartment while worn indoors. BDU and GORE-TEX jackets should be zipped three-fourths of the way up when worn. Metal insignia should be used until the new slide-on cloth rank insignia becomes available. The A-2 flying jacket must be zipped at least halfway.

■The stocking cap, or Navy watch cap, may be worn in immediate duty areas with BDUs. Pilots may wear the cap as they are going to and from the aircraft. Hair shouldn't protrude below the front of the cap and may only be worn during the winter.

■Earmuffs are worn with outer garments and service dress uniforms only. Earmuffs should be solid dark blue, black or gray and free of commercial designs.

This information and more on the standards of dress and appearance and customs and courtesies is contained in AFI 36-2903, AFI 36-2903-SABSUP 1, and AFI 36-2203.

Military liaisons needed

The U.S. Air Force seeks volunteers of the rank captain or major for military liaison teams to Georgia, Slovenia, Romania, Moldova, Ukraine, Lithuania and Estonia. Visit the wing military personnel flight customer service page on the Spangdahlem intranet for application information or call Tech. Sgt. Manny Martinez at 452-6553 for details.

Awards ceremony

The 2000 Communications Information Professionalism Awards ceremony takes place at 2 p.m. Monday in the Spang Club. Call 452-6010 for more information.

Software training

The wing software training program has openings for Microsoft applications training.

■Intermediate Word, noon to 4 p.m. Monday and Tuesday

■Beginning HTML, 12:30-4:30 p.m. Wednesday

Call 452-5384 for more information.

Vehicle washing

The only authorized vehicle washing area on the Bitburg Annex is the services car wash near the gate. German environmental regulations deem the Bitburg Annex a water protection zone; therefore, water pollutants and soaps are to be used only in designated areas. Call the 52nd Civil Engineer Squadron environmental flight at 452-6082 for more information.

Comptroller squadron news

■Civilian employees who moved to Spangdahlem Air Base last year may be entitled to relocation income tax allowance. The payment helps defray the additional tax burden of civilian PCS travel entitlements.

■Beginning Thursday, all new or changed allotments must be paid electronically. Child support payments to courts and foreign business payments are exempt.

■People on official travel must use the local travel management office or SATO office for airline tickets. Failure to arrange travel through TMO may result in travel expenses not being reimbursed. If an emergency arises while TDY and flights need to be changed, call SATO's 24-hour help line phone number printed on the flight itinerary.

■Split disbursement offers another way to pay government credit card bills. Check the split-disbursement option on the travel voucher and specify how much should be paid.

Call the 52nd Comptroller Squadron customer service office at 452-6730 for more information.

Waste pick up

Municipal solid waste pick up for the Binsfeld government-leased housing area are:

■Regular trash: Tuesday; Feb. 13 and 27; March 13 and 27; April 10 and 24; May 8 and 22; June 5 and 19; July 3 and 31; Aug. 14 and 28; Sept. 11 and 25; Oct. 9 and 23; Nov. 6 and 20; and Dec. 4 and 18.

■Bulk trash: June 20 and Dec. 12.

■Paper and yellow bags: Feb. 16, March 20, April 19, May 21, June 25, July 23, Aug. 20, Sept. 17, Oct. 16, Nov. 15 and Dec. 13.

Call the Spangdahlem Air Base housing office at 452-6036 for more information.

Bank of America cuts delinquent card accounts

Unit commanders determine disciplinary measures for members with outstanding travel debt

Bank of America is saying "enough is enough" and taking action this month on delinquent government travel cardholders, terminating those accounts with balances more than 120 days past due.

Of about 6,000 wing 52nd Fighter Wing members, only 12 were found delinquent, said Maj. Myra Manyweather, 52nd Comptroller Squadron commander.

Some of the members paid the debt immediately with the help of the wing finance office because they were experiencing trouble in getting paid for travel expenses, Manyweather explained. Such was the case for an airman who PCS'd to Spangdahlem Air Base, but was still listed on another fund site, so she hadn't received her travel pay on time to pay her travel debts on time.

Making the decision

"Since the government travel card program was implemented in October 1998, the bank has written off about \$8 million in bad debt owed by Air Force members," said Col. Greg Morgan, director, accounting, banking and comptroller support at the air staff.

"(BOA has) been losing about \$250,000 a month," he said. "That's the amount Air Force members owe and never pay. The bank has been taking this loss but has decided to uphold the contract terms and exercise their option to terminate those delinquent accounts."

The number of Air Force members who have accounts written off total less than 2 percent of the force's active cardholders, but the impact in terms of members' financial reputation and to the service is much higher, Morgan said.

"We can't stress enough that people need to take responsibility for their financial obligations. That's the bottom line," Morgan said. "Your financial reputation is critical. It can either help you or hurt you."

BOA intends to suspend accounts at 60 days, cancel accounts at 120 days and report to credit bureaus at 181 days if the card balance is still unpaid.

Possible actions

For those whose cards are terminated, the repercussions can be enormous. "The bank is not obligated to renew or issue them another travel card," Morgan said. "Also, the action will be reflected on their personal credit reports if amounts are left unpaid."

How to handle the issue of not paying government credit card bills on time is up to unit commanders, Manyweather said. The first step is for supervisors to find out the circumstances as to why the debt isn't paid.

"It could be a legitimate mistake or a problem concerning travel reimbursement," Manyweather said.

Michael Weber, the service's government travel card program manager, said there are many options available to make it easy and convenient for people to pay their card fees in a timely manner.

"The first thing is to file your travel voucher as soon as possible," he said. "The Air Force reimburses travel claims in a timely manner, but we cannot reimburse you until we receive a voucher."

"We also have options available such as split disbursements where portions of the claim charged on the

card is paid directly to the bank."

Another option, he said, benefits those people who are on long TDY assignments. "You can arrange in advance to have monthly payments made to the card, including interim settlements." This can greatly reduce the likelihood of incurring late fees.

Cardholders can also register on the Electronic Accounting Government Ledger System Web site by requesting a password from their card coordinator. EAGLS is a password-protected site that allows cardholders to access their account history. "By using this site, you can easily complete your travel voucher because it lists every transaction you have made, including payments," Weber said.

Fiscal responsibility

Both Weber and Morgan said use of the card should be viewed as any other financial obligation.

"You pay your rent or car payment every month, this should be no different," Weber said. "These are charges that have already been reimbursed to the government traveler."

Members experiencing problems in making payments should contact their unit agency program coordinator who can speak with bank representatives, Manyweather said. For problems concerning travel pay, members should speak to a travel pay section customer service representative. (Air Force Print News)

For more information concerning government travel cards, call the 52nd Comptroller Squadron travel pay section at 452-6763.

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"Exercises like these are vital because they allow us to see the areas where we're doing things right and where we need to make improvements," Hoffman said. "When you're a front line unit like we are, it's important to keep your skills sharp."

Preparation for the exercise started during the weekend, when units generated aircraft and weapons systems to meet their wartime tasks.

"For this exercise, the 22nd Fighter Squadron was tasked to generate 11 aircraft, the 23rd to generate six, and the 81st was required to launch eight aircraft," said Stutts. "That's a big job for the maintainers and schedulers, but each squadron was able to generate more than their required amount and each exceeded their assigned tasks."

The exercise concluded Tuesday evening, having generated 26 sorties and 47 short tons of cargo movement. Ultimately, Stutts said, this exercise will help the wing in several ways.

"Despite the short notice, it certainly helps us better prepare for our AEF deployments," Stutts said. "But it also helps us prepare for any contingency deployments that could pop up, as well as the USAF Operational Readiness Inspection later this spring."

The processing of cargo and members wasn't entirely simulated; however, as members of the 22nd Fighter Squadron marshaled cargo, planes and people for a real-world, two-week deployment of five F-16Cs to Royal Air Force Lakenheath, England, for dissimilar aircraft training. Members of the 22nd FS are expected to return Feb. 9th.

In addition to working the exercise, the 23rd FS also processed members for their real-world deployment to Saudi Arabia taking place Jan. 27 through Feb. 5.

Wing firefighters train with locals, earn German academy certification

1st Lt. Angela Johnson
52nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs

Two Spangdahlem Air Base firefighters completed a training program last week that puts them equal with other German firefighters off base.

Norbert Gruen and Matthias Huewels both received the Industrial Firefighter certificate, which gives them official status as professional firefighters in accordance with German standards.

"We were trained as professional firefighters by U.S. standards, but not German," said Gruen. "We are now also professional firefighters for Germany."

In total, 17 U.S. Air Forces in Europe employees recently received the certificate; the other 15 were from Ramstein AB. There are currently eight more Spangdahlem Air Base firefighters going through the course and should finish by the end of this year.

Until two years ago, German firemen who worked for USAF did not have the same professional status as their civilian counterparts. Air Force officials and the Rheinland-Pfalz Fire Academy worked together to develop a supplemental 10-week training



Courtesy photo
Matthias Huewels and Norbert Gruen, Spangdahlem Air Base firefighters, and a Ramstein AB firefighter stabilize a vehicle during the German professional firefighters course recently at Ramstein AB.

program, broke up into one-to-two week courses, to give firefighters the necessary training to be accredited. The yearlong program they created meets both German and Defense Department standards.

When asked if there was anything unique he learned in the course, Gruen explained everything's basically the same. "You fight fires with water," he joked.

"Before we were trained on American fire trucks and equipment,

now we are trained on German equipment.

"This will also help the younger guys if they ever want to get a job in a bigger city. For us, the more knowledge and training secures our positions."

The Rheinland-Pfalz Ministry of Labor is funding the joint program. Capt. Shane Balken, USAF public affairs, said there are 141 local-national German firefighters employed by USAF.

Officials announce individual unit awards

U.S. Air Forces in Europe officials recently announced unit and individual award winners in civil engineering, finance, mission support and safety for 2000.

Civil Engineer

■52nd Civil Engineer Squadron, Senior Master Sgt. Gerald J. Stryzak Award

■Udo Sturmer, 52nd CES, Harry P. Rietman senior civilian manager award

Financial management, comptroller

■52nd Comptroller Squadron, financial analysis office category

■Maj. Myra Manyweather, 52nd CPTS, financial management and comptroller category

■Staff Sgt. Marcus Santiago, 52nd CPTS, financial services NCO category

■Tech. Sgt. Jan Kravcheno, 52nd CPTS, financial analysis NCO category

■Derek Johnston, 52nd CPTS financial analysis civilian category

Mission support

■Annie Herbert, 52nd Mission Support Squadron, outstanding civilian personnel officer category

■Ilse Campbell, 52nd MSS, outstanding civilian personnel specialist category

■Staff Sgt. Lisa Skinner, airman leadership school instructor, enlisted professional education achievement award

Safety

■Master Sgt. Jeffery Duckett, 52nd Fighter Wing flight safety, NCO category

■Capt. Anthony Kusek, 852nd Munitions Squadron, Buechel Air Base, weapons safety, officer category

■Tech. Sgt. Angela Salsiccia, 752nd Mission Support Squadron, Volkel Air Base, ground safety representative category

■Master Sgt. Mark Nichols, chief of staff individual safety award

■Capt. Steven Pieper, 52nd FW, Koren Kolligan Jr. trophy

■52nd Fighter Wing, explosives safety and nuclear surety plaques

Officials from the 52nd Fighter Wing announced recent individual award winners and achievements in leadership, professionalism and innovation.

52nd Operations Group annual award

■Capt. Kathy Goforth, 22nd Fighter Squadron, company grade officer category

■Thomas Woods, 52nd Operations Support Squadron, senior-level civilian category

■Heike Norrell, 52nd OSS, junior-level civilian category

■Master Sgt. Jerry Edwards, 22nd FS, senior NCO category

■Tech. Sgt. Peter Hinskey, 22nd FS, NCO category

■Airman 1st Class Jeffrey Dorman, 22nd FS, airman category

52nd Fighter Wing life support award

■Master Sgt. Eric Prothe, 52nd OSS, SNCO category

■Tech. Sgt. Patrick Raymond, 52nd OSS, NCO category

■Senior Airman Kristen Louk, 23rd Fighter Squadron, airman category

■22nd Fighter Squadron, life support section of the year

52nd FW NCOA Vanguard award

■Master Sgt. Michael Kirsch, 22nd FS

52nd FW Joan Orr Spouse of the Year

■Stacey Vuckovich, 606th Air Control Squadron

52nd FW Resource Manager of the Year

■Senior Airman Judith Wiley, 81st FS, airman category

■Staff Sgt. Robert Brooks, 52nd OSS category

52nd Operations Group intelligence awards

■Capt. Michael McClung, 52nd OSS, CGO category

■Master Sgt. Kirk Wells, 52nd OSS, SNCO category

■Staff Sgt. Douglas Fritz, 23rd FS, NCO category

■Airman 1st Class Melissa Harmon, 22nd FS, airman category

52nd FW Daedalian Exceptional Pilot award

■Capt. Todd Seger, 23rd FS

52nd OSS Weather Awards

■Senior Airman Tiffany Crews, weather observer of the year

■Tech. Sgt. Michael Maytes, weather forecaster of the year

■Staff Sgt. David Palumbo, weather briefer of the year

IDEA awards

■Master Sgt. Dennis Cox, 52nd Medical Support Squadron, \$200

■Senior Airman Robbie Britton, 52nd Component Repair Squadron, \$200

■Tech. Sgt. Michael Nessler, 52nd Equipment Maintenance Squadron, \$200

■Tech. Sgt. Mitchell Shimmel, 52nd CES, \$200

■Senior Airman Alejandro Palacio, 52nd EMS, \$200

Reserve Officer Training Corps four-year scholarship

■Matt Reynolds, Bitburg High School

"Letters to the Front" Defense Commissary Agency essay contest

■Matt Reynolds, Bitburg High School, ages 12-18 category

'Redeem the dream'

Famed civil rights leader honored for courage, orchestrating non-violent protests to end racial inequality

By Staff Sgt. Ingrid Colbert
52nd Comptroller Squadron

The struggle for equality began more than 46 years ago with a dream. The quest for equal treatment among the minorities was growing. The feeling of unrest tugged deep inside many civil rights leaders, but no one was willing to take on this great feat. That was no one, until Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Named Michael, he later changed his name to Martin. He dreamed of a world free of discrimination — where a man could expect to be judged by his character and not his skin color. A world, which would show equal justice to all whom trotted on its soil.

This wasn't a simple man. He had a vast list of accomplishments already under his belt prior to undertaking this task. King graduated with a degree in sociology at the age of 15 from Morehouse. He was ordained as a Baptist minister at the age of 18. He graduated from Crozer College with a degree in Theological Seminary. He published two books, "Stride Toward Freedom" and "Why We Can't Wait." King's studies eventually lead him to India and Berlin.

Throughout his life, he organized many nonviolent protests. They protested for voting rights, fair jobs and let's not forget the famous sit-ins at the restaurants and the bus boycotts. He organized a peaceful march on the Washington Monument, where he delivered his renowned speech, "I have a Dream".

He suffered for his protests. He was jailed, beaten, stabbed and his house was even bombed. The list of humiliations goes on. However, he refused to allow the obstacles to change his demeanor. Equality was achieved all through non-violence. He was awarded the Noble Peace Prize for his work.

The Southern Christian Leadership Conference came about with his help. King was named the first president of this



"Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that."

— Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

committee. These acts eventually led to the Civil Rights Act, which prohibited segregation in public accommodations, education and employment. King was successful in eradicating the institutional racial discrimination that had become the norm.

He organized many nonviolent protests and delivered more than 208 tear-felt speeches to summon our nation to change. The six-day march from Selma to Montgomery, Ala., encompassed 3,200 protesters.

The passion can still be felt today in his speeches. His actions helped to change the mindset of many prominent Americans. On Jan. 20, 1986, King again made history by becoming the first Black American to have a national holiday in his honor.

Americans celebrate the remembrance of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s accomplishments the third Monday in January. Black Americans whom contributed to the call of freedom are further recognized throughout February. King's birthday shouldn't be looked among as another day off, but a day to reflect and remember a nation that has come a long way.

The struggle for freedom was won by a lot of hands held high. Hands of all colors and sizes. King put it best when he said:

"Death really doesn't matter with me now, because I have been to the mountain top, and I've looked over and I've seen the Promised Land. I may not get there with you, but I want you to know tonight, that as a people, we will get to the Promised Land."

Redeem the dream and pass it on. February is the month set aside to remember black history. The theme this year is, "Redeem the Dream." Pause and reflect on the numerous courageous men and women who unselfishly gave their lives all in the name of justice.

Chaplains provide spiritual link in chain of command

By Senior Airman Jennifer Lindsey
52nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs

Deployed or at home, 52nd Fighter Wing chaplains are probably best known by their Sunday morning services, but as military spiritual leaders, supporting the community takes much more than a sermon. It requires a fundamental belief in maintaining American's first amendment right to freedom of religion, providing privileged communication and offering ethical guidance and advice.

The challenge to such a mission is maintaining strong personal religious beliefs, but basically limiting evangelizing their faith to the pulpit.

"Our mission is to serve all people regardless of their denomination," said Chaplain (Col.) Darrell Morton, wing chaplain. "We have a responsibility to people of all faiths, and depending on what their faith is, our job is to accommodate them. That's one reason we exist."

To fulfill the base community's spiritual needs, wing chaplains maintain communications with local civilian clergy members including the Latter Day Saints, Seventh Day Advents, Church of Christ, Baptist, United Pentecostal, Korean language services and a point of contact for the Wica community. Chaplains also maintain various denominational contacts when deployed.

"From a faith perspective, we have to see a bigger picture than our own denominational



Chaplain (Maj.) Karl Wiersum, 52nd Fighter Wing Chapel Services, provides marriage counseling as part of the chapel's role in encouraging family unity.

affiliation," Morton said. "That's a critical aspect of being a military chaplain."

Wing chaplains also provide privileged communications – a sort of safe haven for people to go and talk about problems.

"The privilege isn't ours, it belongs to the people who come to us," said Chaplain (Maj.) Karl Wiersum. "This means we may not tell anyone, anything that's revealed to us."

This protection is maintained through Air Force regulations and endorsed by the Department of the Air Force Office of the Chief of Chaplain Service.

"This determination was made for the well-being of military members," Morton



Photos by Senior Airman Esperanza Berrios

Right to left, Chaplain (Capt.) Herbert Coker, wing chapel services, visits Senior Airman Americo Galdeano, 606th Air Control Squadron, on the job.

said. "The Air Force recognizes people need that safety valve – a place they can go talk and unburden themselves without fear of reprisal."

Additionally, wing chaplains can offer ethical guidance or advice. This service is often sought after by wing leadership as well as family members.

"The advice we offer looks beyond legal aspects of a situation, into what's the moral thing to do," Wiersum said.

A common place wing chaplains can be found during weekdays is in the workplace – and not just on Spangdahlem Air Base, but

also at wing geographically separated units. Visiting members on the job is an important ministry as chaplains get to meet airmen outside the chapel community. They also serve on many base committees offering advice and insight about community needs.

Successfully accomplishing this mission means maintaining a strong faith and the base community's trust – a delicate balance, which requires a special calling that's difficult to deny, Wiersum said. A delicate balance proven by the work they do daily.

Call 452-6711 for wing chapel services or 452-6141 during after duty hours.

Wing works to reduce lead content in water

Current levels not harmful, but taking steps in limiting amounts ingested suggested by base officials

By Capt Timothy Allmann
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Bioenvironmental engineering Flight

Although elevated levels of lead have been found in the Spangdahlem Air Base drinking water system, bioenvironmental engineering flight officials assure people it doesn't pose an immediate health threat.

However, officials urge people to take steps to reduce their exposure to lead as much as possible.

Flushing the faucet until the water reaches its coolest temperature easily controls lead levels. This includes flushing faucets before using the water for cooking or drinking.

Flushing is recommended by the Environmental Protection Agency, and sampling performed by bioenvironmental engineering has proven this to be effective in avoiding elevated levels of lead that may be present in the

tap when it is first turned on. Only the cold-water tap should be used for cooking or drinking. To conserve water, people may consider filling a pitcher after flushing the faucet.

Base officials have issued an informational letter to people describing the health effects of lead, the risks and ways to control exposure. Copies of this letter are available on the Spangdahlem AB intranet bulletin board in both English and German.

Civil and bioenvironmental engineers are taking measures to reduce the amount of lead in the water system. They installed filters that eliminate high lead concentrations on school drinking fountains. They also implemented a comprehensive study to determine the best treatment for reducing lead levels in the tap.

Once the study is complete, the base will be able to put effective controls in place.

The base water production, treatment, storage and distribution system is also currently undergoing a comprehensive upgrade to provide a safe and modern water system. Any pipes or fixtures containing lead in the distribution system will be removed under this initiative.

Additionally, work is in progress on building two new water storage tanks near the bowling center and replacing distribution lines along the north perimeter. New wells and state-of-the-art water treatment facilities are funded and will be constructed as soon as possible.

The complete water system upgrade will take more than three years to complete, but it's a critical investment that will serve Spangdahlem AB for years to come.

Further information will be provided as work progresses on all these projects. For questions regarding water quality, call the bioenvironmental engineering flight at 452-8348.

WIC nutritional assistance program reaches overseas

By Tech. Sgt. Joe Bela
U.S. Air Forces in Europe Public Affairs

RAMSTEIN AIR BASE, Germany — Qualifying military families living in the Baumholder, Germany, and Royal Air Force Lakenheath, England, communities can soon apply for nutritional assistance under the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children Overseas known as WICO.

The federally sponsored pilot program, contracted by the Department of Defense to Choctaw Management Services Enterprises, is

scheduled to start at both locations in February.

In general, eligible participants will include pregnant and breast-feeding women and infants and children up to the age of 5. Income and nutritional needs are two other key factors for eligibility, said Lt. Col. James Favret, chief of developmental and behavioral health sciences for the U.S. Air Forces in Europe's office of the command surgeon.

Favret said military families whose gross income (housing allowance is not included) is at or below 185 percent of the U.S. poverty

income guidelines may qualify. Under current guidelines, a family of four with an income below \$31,543 qualifies for WICO.

Eligible participants will receive medical screenings, special nutrition education and vouchers which can then be redeemed at participating commissaries, Favret said.

Foods that can be obtained with WICO vouchers include iron-fortified infant formula and cereal, iron-fortified adult cereal, fruits and vegetable juices, eggs, milk, cheese, peanut butter, dry beans or peas, canned tuna and carrots.

Although WICO will only be available to military families at RAF Lakenheath and Baumholder during Phase I, when Phase II begins this summer, military families throughout Europe may use the most convenient WIC office for enrollment and services, Favret said.

More information about WIC and WICO, including eligibility requirements and income tables, is available online on the USDA Women, Infants and Children's Web site. (USAFE News Service)



In the classrooms



Spangdahlem Elementary School

Principal: Ruth Morgan at DSN 452-6881

Feb. 2 – Parent-teacher conferences.

Feb. 7 – School advisory committee meeting at 3 p.m. in the information center.

Feb. 8 – Parent, teacher and student association meeting with a "talent show," and choir and reflection awards presented at 6 p.m. in the cafeteria.

Feb. 19 – Federal holiday, no school.

Feb. 21 – First and second grade drama club performs, Anansi, at 9:30 a.m. and 1:15 p.m. in the cafeteria.

Feb. 22 – First and second grade drama club performs, Anansi, at 6:30 p.m. in the cafeteria.

Feb. 26 – Early dismissal of students at 11 a.m. (Rose Montag).

Spangdahlem Middle School

Principal: Dr. Donna Warner at DSN 452-7205

Feb. 2 – No school for students. Walk-in parent-teacher conferences 8 a.m. to noon, appointments only 1-3 p.m.

Feb. 8 – Spelling bee at 1:45 p.m. in the multipurpose room. Parents are welcome to attend.

Feb. 9 – Sixth-grade sponsored dance 6-9 p.m. in the multipurpose room for SMS students only.

Feb. 19 – Federal holiday, no school.

Feb. 26 – Early dismissal of students at 11:15 a.m. (Rose Montag).

Feb. 27 – School advisory committee meeting at 4 p.m. in the information center. Parents are welcome to attend.

Bitburg Elementary School

Principal: Susan Ussery at DSN 453-7215

Thursday – Student award assembly at 1 p.m. in the Bitburg Middle School auditorium.

Feb. 2 – Parent-teacher conferences, no school for students.

Feb. 9 – Popcorn/Spirit Day, theme is "Crazy Hat Day."

Feb. 12 – School improvement leadership team committee meets at 2:45 p.m. in the professional library.

Feb. 14 – School advisory committee meeting at 3:15 p.m. in the information center.

Feb. 16 – Early dismissal of students at 11 a.m.

Feb. 19 – Federal holiday, no school.

Feb. 20 – Dental screening day.

Feb. 26 – Early dismissal of students at 11 a.m. (Rose Montag).

Feb. 27 – Class group photographs.

Bitburg Middle School

Principal: Ginny Briggs at DSN 453-7110

Feb. 2 – Parent-teacher conferences, no school for students. Parent, teacher and student association dance 6-9 p.m. in the auditorium for BMS students only.

Feb. 19 – Federal holiday, no school.

Feb. 26 – Early dismissal of students at 11 a.m. (Rose Montag).

Feb. 27 – Dental screening day.

Bitburg High School

Principal: Marjorie Lewallen at DSN 453-7937

Monday – School improvement plan day, no school for students.

Thursday – Life after Bitburg High School at 6:30 p.m. in the cafeteria.

Feb. 2 – Parent-teacher conferences, no school for students.

Feb. 3 – Basketball away game vs. Heidelberg at 10 a.m.

Feb. 9 – Wrestling at Wuerzburg. Time to be determined. Basketball vs. Shape in the Bitburg Middle School gymnasium at 4 p.m.

Feb. 10 – Wrestling at Wuerzburg. Time to be determined. Basketball vs. Shape in the BMS gymnasium at 10 a.m.

Feb. 12-16 – Creative Connections at Overwesel.

Feb. 16 – Basketball away game vs. AFNorth.

Feb. 17 – Basketball away game vs. AFNorth.

Feb. 19 – Federal holiday, no school for students.

Feb. 22-24 – Basketball Division II tournament at Mannheim.

Feb. 28 – Buddy pictures taken in the cafeteria.



Community Mailbox

Child find

Screenings for children ages 3-4 years old who may have developmental delays take place 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday in Bitburg Elementary School. Call Tracy Fowl at 453-7215 for details.

Chili dinner

The Bitburg Middle School Parent, Teacher, Student Association chili dinner takes place at 6 p.m. Tuesday in the school cafeteria. Menu includes chili, hot dogs, cornbread, drinks and desert. There's no charge for the dinner, but donations will be accepted. Call Monica Rushford at 06561-683690 for more information.

SSEMC news

■The Spangdahlem Air Base Spouses and Enlisted Members Club accepts nominations for the 2001/2002 executive board. A meeting concerning nominations takes place at 6 p.m. Feb. 5. Call Andy Harper at 452-5124 for meeting location.

■The SSEMC meets at Stein-Reiter in Mettrich at 6 p.m. Feb. 14. Call 06565-942431 or 06565-942761 by Feb. 9 to reserve seating.

Preschool playgroup

The Spangdahlem playgroup, a support group for parents of children ages newborn to 5 years old, meets 9:30-11:30 a.m. each Wednesday in the Spangdahlem Air Base housing unit 422-C social room. Call Dr. Suzanne Furman at 452-8279 for details.

Black history month events

■A black history month kick-off breakfast takes place at 8 a.m. Feb. 2 in the Spang Club. Guest speaker is Master Sgt. Alphonso Thompson, Ramstein Air Base Airman Leadership School. Tickets are \$6 in advance, \$7 at the door. Tickets can be purchased from any Black Cultural Awareness Association member or by calling Airman April Dunham at 452-7235.

■Royal Heritage Ensemble sings at 3 p.m. Feb. 3 in the Spangdahlem Air Base Community Activities Center.



Senior Airman Jennifer Lindsey

Stately procession

Courtnei Johnson represents Georgia, Sarah Borsic, Delaware and Holly Best, South Carolina, during a "Parade of States" classroom presentation Jan. 10 at Spangdahlem Elementary School. Through the winter holiday break, students of (Mrs.) Wrede's second-grade class did research on assigned states and created floats featuring the state's characteristics.

■BCAA Gospel Explosion takes place at 4 p.m. Feb. 17 in the Bitburg Annex Chapel.

■A black heritage month banquet takes place at 6 p.m. March 3. Location is to be determined.

Call David Lewis at 452-7068 or 0175-3749256 for details.

Family advocacy news

■Parenting preschoolers classes take place 10 a.m. to noon various days in the Spangdahlem Air Base housing unit 422-C social room. Part one, about children newborn to 1 year old takes place Tuesday. Part two, about children 1-2 years old, takes place Feb. 6. Part three, about children 2-3, takes place Feb. 13.

■Register for the next couples' communication class beginning in February.

Call Dr. Suzanne Furman at 452-8282 to register or for more information.

Spangdahlem elementary

The Spangdahlem Elementary Parent, Teacher, Student Association student talent show and art contest awards presentation takes place at 6 p.m. Feb. 8. Call Donna Lennemann at 06562-932566 for details.

Family support center news

■Drawing lessons for students in third

through 12th grade take place 6-8 p.m. each Wednesday.

■Creative critters art and music classes for children 18 month old to 4 years takes place 10-11 a.m. each Monday.

■A local employment workshop takes place 1-3 p.m. Thursday.

■A class about mutual funds take place 6-8 p.m. Thursday.

■The federal job application workshop takes place 8 a.m. to noon Feb. 5.

■A communications skills series takes place 6-8 p.m. Feb. 7 and 21.

■A class enhancing interview skills takes place 1:30-3:30 p.m. Feb. 8.

■A class about individual retirement accounts takes place 6-8 p.m. Feb. 8.

■Cooking 1,2,3 takes place 5:30-7 p.m. Feb. 8.

Classes take place in Bitburg Annex building 2001. Call the family support center at 453-7491 to register or for details.

Scholarship

The Bitburg High School Scholarship Committee accepts applications for annual scholarships beginning Wednesday. Applications will be available at the school office the same day. Submission deadline is Feb. 28. Call 453-7937 for details.

Poland shopping trip

The 52nd Medical Group Poland shopping trip takes place March 2-4. Cost is \$90 for two seats for a single person or \$50 for one seat. Call Staff Sgt. Jody Yeager at 453-3336 or 06575-959703 for reservations.

AAFES closures

Army Air Force Exchange Service facilities close the following days for inventory:

Bitburg

■Main exchange, furniture store – Monday

■Car care center – Feb. 3

Spangdahlem

■Main exchange, BXtra – Tuesday

■Car care center, military clothing sales – Feb. 3

Education office

Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University classes, aircraft maintenance and management, and commuter aviation, begin Saturday. Call 452-7553 for details.

The education office offers walk-in counseling 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. each Monday through Thursday and 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. each Friday. Call 452-6063 for details.

Women's group

Circle of Friends, a new women's group focusing on self-sufficiency and skills development, meets noon to 1 p.m. each Wednesday in the Spangdahlem Air Base housing unit 422-C social room. Call Jennifer Hirschfield at 06562-932982 or Connie Ketchum at 452-8279 for details.

Parenting help

The base education developmental intervention services program parenting class for parents of children from 2 to 12 years old begins at 4:30 p.m. Feb. 7. The course continues at 4:30 p.m. each Wednesday through Feb. 28. Teachings are adapted from the book, "1-2-3 Magic," by Dr. Thomas Phelan. Call 452-8238 to register or for details.

Stress management

A two-session course covering reassuring thinking and relaxation techniques takes place 3-4:30 p.m. Feb. 13 and 27 in building 130. Call Dr. Glen Fisher at 452-9355 for details.

Movies

All movies play at 7 p.m. unless otherwise indicated.

Bitburg Castle

Tonight

What Women Want (PG-13)

Nick gets a whole new outlook on life when a fluke accident gives him the ability to read women's minds. Despite his best efforts, he soon finds himself falling in love and ultimately understanding what women want.

Saturday

What Women Want

Sunday

The Little Vampire (PG)

A little boy meets a new friend who happens to be a vampire. Together they embark on a grand adventure to find a magic pendant needed to save the vampire community from a life of eternal darkness. (Mild peril.)

Closed Monday and Tuesday

Wednesday

Lost Souls (R)

Maya's past has left her susceptible to demonic possession. After surviving the devil's grip, she's encouraged to join with a group of priests who believe the devil incarnate will one day soon inhabit the body of a human being and plunge the world into the ultimate darkness. (Violence, terror and language.)

Thursday

Book of Shadows, Blair Witch II (R)

After spending a disorienting night at one of the most sinister sites in Blair Witch lore, five campers awake to a scene of destruction and no memory of having gone to sleep. In an attempt to piece together what happened, they return to an abandoned warehouse where legend begins to bleed into reality. (Violence, language, sexuality and drug use.)

Spangdahlem Skyline

Tonight

Miss Congeniality (PG-13)

FBI agent, Gracie, poses as Miss New Jersey in the "Miss Liberty" pageant while trying to prevent a terrorist group from bombing the event. Along the way, she crosses paths with Vic, the image consultant who must transform Gracie with the use of Vaseline and duct tape, and the pageant host who just learned his days of crooning and crowning are numbered.

Saturday

Miss Congeniality

Sunday

Red Planet (PG-13)

A team of American astronauts make the first manned expedition to Mars. Earth has become a dying planet and a new colony on Mars is now humanity's only hope.

Monday

Red Planet

Tuesday

The Legend of Bagger Vance (PG-13)

A disillusioned war veteran, Captain Rannulph, reluctantly agrees to play a game of golf. He finds the game futile until his caddy, Bagger, teaches him the secret of mastering any challenge and finding a meaning in life. (Sexual content.)

Closed Wednesday and Thursday

Times and movies are subject to change.
For the most current information,
call 453-7541.

Fooling around

Fasching brings people out to area towns for parades and fun, many dressed in colorful costumes as pictured during one of last year's parades. Many people start preparing their costumes early as Germany's version of Mardi Gras takes place Feb. 22-27. Often called Germany's foolish or silly season, nearly every village in the country holds masquerade balls now through Feb. 27. Festivities end the day before Ash Wednesday, the start of Lent.



Iris Reiff

Local music clubs constantly seek members

By Iris Reiff

52nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs

Many people play instruments in schools and then stop playing because they have no outlet.

Fret not while in Germany. Local music clubs are always looking for musicians.

Bands usually perform at festivals, church holidays, funerals, memorial days or other functions, depending on the needs of the community. In some cases, local bands also travel throughout Germany or Europe to perform.

When playing in a German band, people can learn a lot about their host country besides being a good representative in the German community. Also, new friendships with your German neighbors are possible.

To join a local band, people can simply ask a band member during a festival. Usually there are no formalities; just show up for practices and eventually get a uniform. Some bands require a yearly membership fee, which may cost about 20 DM.

For more specific information on how to

get in touch with a band or a local choir, talk to your landlord, a German friend or the mayor of the town where you wish to join. In most cases, people will be able to provide you with a point of contact.

The Beilingen music association is presently looking for new members to play a trombone, trumpet, cornet, clarinet or another instrument in their band. For people interested in joining the Beilingen club or would like to obtain information, call Gundolf Mohr at 06562-3311 in the evenings. The music association's e-mail address is Mv-Beilingen@t-online.de.



Out and about



■ Visit a flea market Sunday inside and outside the Bitburg Flugplatz hall; in front of the Trier-Zewen Extra supermarket; in front of the Wittlich Moebel Kings furniture store; and inside and outside the Daun Forum hall.

■ Listen to jazz music by George Ruby of the Village Zone at 8:30 p.m. Saturday in the Wittlich Saal Kaienburg, located in the center of town.

■ See the 3rd annual Mosel tennis cup Feb. 8-11 at the Bernastel-Kues Tennis Mosel Park. For more information, call 06531-5080.

■ Listen to a classical concert by the Prisma Ensemble Sunday in the Bitburg Boda Haus cultural center. Scheduled compositions include Farkas, Klein, Beethoven and Mozart. Tickets are 18 DM for adults and 9 DM for students. Call 06561-96450.

■ Attend a jazz concert by the Kenny Wheeler Quartet May 3. For details and tickets, call the Trierischer Volksfreund Press Center at 0651-145990.

■ Plan to attend the 31st International Volksmarch of Malberg May 19-20. Call the Kyllburg tourist information office at 06563-930244, for details.

■ Trier's annual wine and gourmet festival takes place March 9 through April 8. For details, go to the German

language Web site at www.wein-festival.de.

■ See "Evita," a musical by Andrew Lloyd Webber, April 21 in Trier. For details, call 0651-145990.

■ Jazz and swing music by the Glenn Miller Orchestra plays March 23 in the Trier Europa hall. For tickets, call the Trierischer Volksfreund Press Center at 0651-145990.

■ Reserve your tickets now for the "Magic of The Dance" tap dance show April 4 in the Bitburg Edith-Stein school. This is an encore performance. For tickets, call 0651-145990.

■ A Brazilian dance and entertainment show, Karneval de Brasil, takes place Feb. 3 in the Wittlich Atrium Gymnasium school. For tickets, call 0651-145990.

■ Paul Young performs Feb. 6 in the Kaiserlautern Kammgarn cultural center. For more information call 0651-145990.

■ A concert by Apocalypcia takes place Feb. 13 and a concert by Snails House takes place March 10. Both take place in the Kaiserslautern Kammgarn cultural center. For tickets, call 0651-145990.

■ The Manfred Mann's Earth Band concert takes place March 31 in the Kaiserlautern Kammgarn center. Call 0651-145990.

■ This year's Rock am Ring open air festival takes place June 1-3 at the famous Nuerburgring race track. Many international performers are scheduled to perform at the festival, which attracts thousands of people annually.

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Information, Tickets and Tours offers the following tours in January and February. Call the Spangdahlem Air Base Community Activities Center at 452-6567 or the Bitburg Annex community center at 453-7120 for details.

■ Black Forest express, Saturday. Cost is \$55 for adults, \$40 for children.

■ Dinner and wine probe, Saturday, \$35 per person.

■ Strasbourg, Feb. 3. Cost is \$39 for adults, \$29 for children ages 3-12 years old.

■ Munich and Dachau, Feb. 3. Cost is \$75 for adults, \$69 for children ages 3-12 years old.

■ Amsterdam express, Feb. 10. Cost is \$69 for adults, \$65 for children ages 3-12 years old.

■ Koln Cathedral and chocolate museum, Feb. 10. Cost is \$32 for adults, \$29 for children ages 3-12 years old.

■ Paris for Valentine's Day, Feb. 17-19. Cost is \$499 for couples, \$269 for singles.

■ Dinner and wine probe, Feb. 17. Cost is \$35 per person.

■ Bavarian castles express, Feb. 24. Cost is \$80 for adults, \$75 for children ages 3-14 years old.

■ Maastricht and Applebees, Feb. 24. Cost is \$30 for adults, \$25 for children ages 3-12 years old.

■ Rosenmontag-Fasching parade in Koln, Feb. 26. Cost is \$25 for adults, \$15 for children.

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The outdoor recreation program sponsors the following trips in January and February. Outdoor recreation is no longer open during the weekend. Winter hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday. Call 452-7176 for details.

■ Snow bus special to Feldburg, Saturday and Sunday, \$90 per person. Minimum age is 14 years old.

■ Amsterdam and canal ice skating, Feb. 2-4. Cost is \$145 per person, \$135 with skates. Minimum age is 14 years old if accompanied by an adult.

■ Cross-country ski trip, Feb. 10, \$30 per person. Minimum age is 16 years old.

■ Castle and Therme 2000 spa, Feb. 11. Cost is \$45 per person with spa, \$20 without. Minimum age is 18 years old, unless accompanied by an adult.

Fist pounding pays off for 11 USAF boxers

Defending light heavyweight retains championship crown

By Oscar Balladares
San Antonio Air Logistics Center Public Affairs

KELLY AIR FORCE BASE, Texas — Eleven warriors fought their way to titles during the 2001 Air Force Boxing Championships Jan. 12 and 13 at the Bennett Fitness Center here.

"Three boxers really impressed me tonight, but especially Bobby DeLeon," said Air Force boxing coach Osmar Alaniz. "He looked terrific."

DeLeon, from Kunsan Air Base, Korea, needed all four two-minute rounds to dispatch Albert Villarruel, Cannon Air Force Base, N.M., in the bantamweight division. The southpaw attributed his win to his height and reach advantage.

"My one punches weren't doing too well, but when I threw my combinations they were landing," DeLeon said. "That was definitely the difference in the fight ... the combinations."

Another boxer that drew Alaniz' attention was James Dubois, Misawa AB, Japan, in the featherweight division.

"Dubois was really an outstanding boxer," Alaniz said. "He showed a lot of finesse. That was a very close bout, but it went to Dubois because he had the better style."

Dubois and Navy's Jason Fields, from Kelly AFB, locked horns in a real crowd pleaser that saw both fighters unleash a full arsenal of jabs, hooks and combinations. By the third round, blood trickled from Dubois' nose courtesy of Fields' left jabs. Dubois stood his ground; however, connecting with enough crisp combinations and right hooks to Fields' head to win.

Defending light heavyweight champion Joseph Pastorello, from Peterson AFB, Colo., retained his title by delivering solid punches to his opponent's body and head for a standing eight count in the third round, and an end to the bout 50 seconds into the fourth.

Alaniz expressed his delight for Pastorello's performance.

"He's mentally ready and the confidence he's showing is really terrific," said Alaniz. "I also like what he did switching from left to right. That was good."

Alaniz expressed his disappointment over the lightweight division bout, saying he anticipated a better performance



Tech. Sgt. Lance Cheung
Joseph Pastorello from Peterson Air Force Base, Colo., used a calculated style to defeat Delbert J. Freeborn during the 2001 Air Force Boxing Championships at Kelly AFB, Texas. Pastorello, an Air Force world-class athlete, made it to the quarterfinals for the U.S. Olympic team.

than was provided by one of his more seasoned veterans.

"[Ellis] Johnson, for having the experience he has, should have shown more than what he did," said Alaniz. Johnson, Andrews AFB, Md., defeated Michael Mead, Offutt AFB, Neb., in a lackluster performance.

Alaniz was also disappointed with the middleweight bout.

"The middleweight bout consisted of just too much running around," said Alaniz. "I didn't like that. Losing time ... that's all it was."

Kevin Leggett, from Goodfellow AFB, Texas, defeated Shane Cronley, Yokota AB, Japan, for the middleweight crown.

Other finals results included:

Flyweight — Alexis Ramos, Kelly Boxing Club, def.

Brian Nidoy, Nellis AFB, Nev.

Light Welterweight — Robert Luna, Kelly Boxing Club, def. Antonio Tamayo, Kelly AFB.

Welterweight — John Askew, Dover AFB, Del., def. Duane Vandross, Hurlburt Field, Fla.

Light Middleweight — Jorge Hernandez, Buckley AFB, Colo., def. James Goodman, Hurlburt Field, Fla.

Heavyweight — Sammy Curbelo, Holloman AFB, N.M., def. Derrick Grant, Altus AFB, Okla.

Super Heavyweight — Richard Cheek, Ellsworth AFB, S.D., def. Tom Jones, Kelly Boxing Club.

The Armed Forces Championships take place in Fort Huachuca, Ariz., Feb. 3-9, and the National Championships take place in Colorado Springs, Colo., March 8-17. (Air Force Print News)

Take down

Matt Reynolds, Bitburg High School wrestling captain, overpowers a Brussels wrestler with a half-nelson to pin his opponent in 2:55. Reynolds and three other wrestlers made it to the finals of Saturday's high school wrestling tournament held at Ramstein Air Base. Bitburg took third out of 10 teams. The other wrestlers who made it to the finals were Ryan Butler, Jeremy Ponce and Matt Holas. Steve Mazzi, Steve Gutschow, Jacob Smithee and Broderick Lockett all took a third-place finish.



Gordon Canada

Lady Barons varsity team suffers first loss

JV squad continues to roll, extending its three-year win streak to 21

By Denny Lemmon
Bitburg High School girls' basketball coach

Defending Division I European champion Kaiserslautern handed the Bitburg Lady Barons its first defeat of the season 49-39 Jan. 19 on K-Town's home court.

The loss dropped the Lady Barons varsity team to 5-1; however, the junior varsity chalked up a 39-31 win.

While the varsity got off to a good start leading 13-10 at the end of the first quarter, the offensive turned ice cold in the second to only manage four points. The Lady Red Raiders took advantage of that and scored 13 to go into the half with a 23-17 lead.

The offense didn't improve in the third, mustering a mere six points. Trailing 23-37 going into the fourth quarter, the Lady Barons sparked a comeback attempt by outscoring the Lady Red Raiders 16-12. It was too little, too late.

Senior guard Wesley Canada led the Barons in the fourth-quarter spurt scoring nine of her game-high 13 points. She also made three steals and dished out two assists. Kimberly McLearn scored eight and Crystal Bessler added six.

For the Lady Barons to be competitive in games to come, the coaching staff said the team would have to be able to score at least 10 points or more a quarter.

The bright spot of the weekend went to the hustling junior varsity squad, as it remained undefeated and extended its winning streak to 21 games during the past two years. Under the direction of coach Richard Carr, the JV Lady Barons have lost only one game in three years.

The victory over the Division I powerhouse team from Kaiserslautern was extra special. The Lady JV Red Raiders started a 6-foot, 3-inch center, but the Lady

JV Barons full-court press caused many turnovers and kept the ball away from their opponent's basket.

Still, Bitburg went into the half-time break with just a 16-15 lead. In the third quarter, the Lady JV Barons outscored K-Town 20-3 to take a commanding 36-18 lead going into the final period. Substituting freely in the fourth quarter, the Lady JV Barons hung on for the 39-31 win.

Freshman guard Janise Russ led the offensive attack with 16 points. She also had five rebounds, three steals and one blocked shot. Quenessa Bush played one of the finest games of her career scoring nine points, pulling down five boards, getting two blocked shots and one steal. She also played sensational defense against the big center from Kaiserslautern. Sophomore guard Jessica Wood scored seven points and made four steals. Laura Piccolo scored four points and was the point guard who broke the Lady

JV Red Raiders press in the challenging fourth quarter. Deneshia Roberson scored two and pulled down three rebounds. Freshmen Miranda Lavey scored one. Sophomore Katie Carr pulled down four rebounds and demonstrated her defensive skills by taking two brutal offensive charges.

The Bitburg Barons begin defending their league championship title as they travel to Belgium tonight to take on the International School of Brussels. Junior varsity games begin at 4:30 p.m. followed by the ladies varsity at 6 p.m. and the varsity boys at 7:30 p.m. The JV teams take the court Saturday at 10 a.m. followed by the varsity ladies at 11:30 a.m. the varsity boys at 1 p.m.

The Lady Barons suit up again Tuesday against another Division I team, the Ramstein Royals. The games take place at Ramstein Air Base with the JV at 4 p.m. followed by the varsity at 5:30 p.m.

Eifel sports world

Family bowling

The Eifel Lanes Bowling Center offers family discounts noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. For more information, call 452-6217.

League bowlers

League bowlers practice for only \$1.50 a game 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday in the Eifel Lanes Bowling Center. Bowlers must present a current ABC/WIBC card to receive the reduced price.

New aerobics class times

Aerobics now take place in the Bitburg Annex fitness center 6-7 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday. Cost is \$3 per class or \$25 per month. For more information, call 453-7710.

Aerobics classes in the Spangdahlem AB fitness center cost \$3 per class, \$25 a month, \$20 for the last three weeks of the month, \$15 for the last two weeks or \$10 for the last week.

Basketball court closure

The Spangdahlem Air Base fitness center basketball court closes Feb. 22-27 because of the annual awards banquet. For more information, call the center at 452-6634.

Fishing

The German and American Fishing Club invites members and non-members with German fishing licenses to fish in the club's trout pond near St. Thomas 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. each Sunday.

Each fish caught costs only 3.50 DM during the Sunday hours. License holders are reminded one non-licensed person can fish as a guest; however, any fish caught counts toward the licensed members total.

For more information, call 06565-94094 or Tech. Sgt. Rich Romero at 452-5244.



Senior Airman Kenneth Bellard
Retired Senior Master Sgt. Jim Renshaw (left), F-16 technician, assists Dennis Alexander, Air Force Experience truck driver, and Chief Master Sgt. Leo Abate, F-16 maintenance chief, in placing the nose cone on the Falcon 1 display aircraft.

Service promotes recruiting, more during Super Bowl

By Senior Airman Jerron Barnett
Air Mobility Command Public Affairs

MACDILL AIR FORCE BASE, Fla. — The Air Force's traveling recruiting tool, known as the Air Force Experience, brought its show here and to Tampa, as one of the numerous events the base plans to support the Air Force's retention and recruiting efforts during Super Bowl XXXV.

The Air Force Experience is a high-tech, interactive attraction designed to showcase career opportunities and help reconnect the Air Force with the American public. This one-of-a-kind road show tours the country complete with an F-16 Fighting Falcon jet known as Falcon 1, bold video presentations, computer kiosks and a fleet of customized flight simulators designed to let visitors take a high-speed "virtual" mission.

This educational and entertainment experience offers excitement and a bit of an edge in a style especially designed to

Super Bowl parties take place at the Saber Club Sports Bar and Club 2012 starting at 8 p.m. Sunday. There will be free hot dogs, chili dogs and nachos. For details, call 452-6090 or 452-7494.

ignite the interests of young children and adults.

"The children love the plane," said Chief Master Sgt. Leo Abate, maintenance chief for the F-16. "The first time we set the plane up in a mall, all the children asked me how did we fly it in there. When I told them it was rolled in the mall off a truck, they thought it was just a model. I told them this was an operational aircraft at one time and it was the first F-16 delivered to the Air Force in 1978. There's a lot of history in this plane." (Air Force Print News courtesy of Air Mobility Command News Service)